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A film transport and method for use with an image transfer system to sequentially register respective frames of motion picture film within the field of view of an image recorder. The transport includes a gate having a drive mechanism and a registration mechanism that immobilizes each frame and orients it into a precise stationary position for digital or analog image recording.

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